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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1893.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Canton*, which left here on the 25th November last, arrived at London yesterday.

THE meeting of the Legislative Council summoned for to-day has been postponed till Wednesday, the 11th inst.

CAPT. HASTINGS this morning fired Adam Soares \$5, or 14 days imprisonment, for riding a bicycle over an old Chinese woman in Old Bailey yesterday, and ordered him to pay \$5 compensation, or take another fortnight's skill and shot drill. His Worship made some deservedly severe remarks on the carelessness which leads to such accidents.

Mr. Woodhouse, formerly Editor of the *Panang Gazette*, has gone to Bangkok to assist Mr. Thorne in the editorship of the *Bangkok Times*.

THERE was a most encouraging and appreciative audience at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, including His Excellency the Governor and party, who seemed to enjoy the performance immensely. The "Song of Neptune" will make their last appearance on Saturday night, after which "H.M.S. *Albatross*" will be paid off and broken up.

AT the Magistracy to-day a Chinese ren collector, charged with embezzling over \$500 which he had collected for his employer during the last four months, admitted having appropriated the money to his own use on account of poverty, as he had a family to support, but urged that he had never any intention of bolting with the money, and was willing to pay it back. It was shown that his pay, including board and lodging, was not worth more than \$10 a month altogether. He was sent to gaol for nine months.

A TALL, lank young man came into a New York editor's sanctum, and handing him a poem several feet long to read, said in a condescending sort of way:—

"You can publish this poem for \$10."

"All right. Just hand over the \$10. That's below our usual rates, but times are hard."

"You misunderstand me. I mean you can have the poem by paying \$10."

"Can't take it. It's too cheap. It would be robbing you, for I know where you can get more than \$10 for it."

"Where?"

"Take it to a Justice of the Peace and read it to him, and you will get \$20 or thirty days in the County Jail if you don't pay your fine."

He looked sadly at the editor, shook his head and waited himself out the door.

MARTIN Molton Sarate, the great Spanish virtuoso, was born at Pamplona in 1844, went to France as a child, and at the age of 12 entered the Paris Conservatoire, where he became the favorite pupil of Alard, and gained the first prize for violin-playing. When about 16 he took up the career of a concert player, in which the extreme beauty of his execution, aided doubtless by his singularly striking appearance, ensured his immediate success. No violinist has travelled more than he; he has played in every important city in Europe and America, and is well known to London audiences.

His distinguishing characteristics are not so much fire, force and passion, though these he has in ample share, as purity of style, charm, flexibility and extraordinary facility. He sings on an instrument with the utmost feeling and expression, and without any of the affectation which robs the playing of many violinists of all charm. It is a disputed point among musicians whether Senor Sarate or Senor Joachim is to be considered the greatest violinist of the age.

SAYS the *Shanghai Mercury*:—"The reduction in the price of gas from \$2 to \$1.85 for ordinary domestic lighting purposes, and to \$1.65 for gas engines and cooking stoves, will be welcome news to householders, and we are glad to see that the Gas Company have seen their way to make these changes more in consonance with the depressed financial condition of the place. We understand that the new rates will shortly be laid, which will enable the Company to supply a greater volume of gas to their customers than at present, and thereby improve the illumination which they now supply at what, considering the rate of exchange, is a very reasonable rate indeed." Now, we want to know, if gas can be supplied in Shanghai at \$1.85, why Hongkong residents should be called upon to pay \$3 per thousand feet? At home the rate is from two to three shillings. We can't afford in these hard times to pay for gas at the rate of \$3 per thousand feet, and unless the Gas Company—which has had for a generation a gas old building in Hongkong and no mistake—can see its way to reduce the tariff so as to meet the altered character of the age in which we live—why, we shall with infinite regret have to bring the Company to its bearings.

THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN.

(As Sir John Critchton Browne seems prophetic ally to see them.)

Woman's world's a stage,

And modern women will be ill-cast players;

They'll have new exits and strange entrances.

And these her seven Ages. First the infant,

"Grinding" and "squealing" in its mother's arms;

And then the plucked High School girl, with

packed satchel.

And worn anemic face, creeping like a ghost

Short-sightedly to school. Then the "free lover,"

Mouthing out lies, or some cynic ballad

Mad against matrimony. Then a spouse,

Foul of long words and windy, a wife-puller

Jealous of office, fond of platform-posting,

Seeking that bubble life-enfranchisement

Even with abusive mouth. The County Council.

Her meagre bosom shrunk and bawbly lined,

Full of "land laws" and "unrestrained increments!"

Or playing M.P. part. The sixth age aches!

Into the withered shawl she pants—

"With spectacles on nose and 'Camp' at side,

Her azure hose, well-darned, a world too wide

For her shrunken shanks; her once sweet woman's

voice.

Veiled to Virgin-vinegariness,

Grates harshly in its sound. Last scene of all.

That ends this strange new-fangled history,

In her unwomanliness, mere sex-agon—

Sans love, sans charms, sans grace, sans every-

thing.

A LONDON writer observes:—"The average English husband tires of his wife, but so he would of a barren if he had one. Man never is, but always to be lost. Wisdom is a rare quality in this world, but still rarer is that of being content with one's lot. I have a strong conviction that the average English husband gets at least the wife he deserves, and when he whines about the superiority of the French woman or the German he is like the musician who complains of his violin. Instrument for instrument, the Englishwoman is, I have no doubt, the best of her kind in any other country. It is for the husband to get out of her what she can, and the result will probably depend in a greater degree than he suspects upon his own powers as a virtuoso. It has been remarked in this connection that the man who finds in his wife a good cook or a good housekeeper, and nothing more, will be very much obliged to her, but will go elsewhere for his romance. But what is the romance? I should like a definition of romance as it is understood by the suburban classes. Consider the daily round of life on a small income and how little opportunity there is on the one side or the other for romance to come in! The husband, having been in the city all day, comes home to an evening meal, and after a pint of beer or other soporific falls asleep over the evening paper. The wife, for her part, has had a hard day, too, and, having got the children to bed, is glad to spend an hour with the work-basket. If in such a household the wife has fathomed the mysteries of plain meat and boiled, and knows how to handle a baby, I think Man ought to be comfortably well satisfied. He gets out of marriage as much as, or more than, he brings to it."

THE Australian liner *Tai-yuan*, which arrived to-day from Japan, is in quarantine with two cases of small-pox. It is hoped that she may be released to-morrow.

DETECTIVE Green secured another \$100-or-three-months conviction for running a *tea* lottery to-day. This is becoming monotonous. Why not run in a few real criminals, and let the heathen gamble in peace?

AT the Magistracy this morning, before Capt. Hastings, a police constable was sent to gaol for six months for assaulting and robbing a Chinese merchant walking down Gough Street yesterday; and a watchman at the fire station was rewarded with \$3 for helping to catch the prisoner. These rewards are all right, in their way, but the old plan of having a policeman on duty at that crowded corner was less expensive and probably more satisfactory.

WHEN the well-made American girl wants to convince creation that she has the best shape in the world being without the huge bust of the French or the aldermanic proportions of the English woman, she wears her close-fitting costume, put on, metaphorically speaking, with a shoe horn. She wears neither petticoat or divided skirt, but dons long stockings that reach as high as lights. Then she dons a black silk undershirt, and over this buckles a close-fitting black skin belt, from which depend the rubber suspenders that hold up her stockings. Her dress skirt is then put on, and then the blouse, which is usually buttoned up under the arms. That's all. Then my lady looks as if she had been melted and run into her clothes as she walks away, "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Hongkong from Chinkiang.

Aden " Singapore.

Namoa " Swatow.

Tai-yuan " Nagasaki.

Canton " Canton.

Kaili-jung " Bangkok.

Aggregating 8,978 tons, register.

Outward.

Asiatic steamer, for Hongkong.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)

January 5th.

"ANCIENT LIGHTS."

The hearing of the motion of Ng Li Shing to dismiss the suit of E. R. Bellios for an injunction in the matter of certain buildings in Lyndhurst Terrace alleged to interfere with established "ancient light" rights across the road, was concluded this morning. His Lordship reserving judgment. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Leach and Mr. Pollock, instructed by Messrs. Wotton and Deacon; and the defendant by Mr. Francis and Dr. Ho Kai, instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Akeroyd Pulins Judge.)

A BOARDING-HOUSE DISPUTE.

Wang Wan Shi sued Choi Sul Hung and another for damages for wrongful arrest. Mr. Hastings was for plaintiff and Mr. Philippo for defendant. From the evidence it appeared that plaintiff was the wife of a boarder who had left defendant's lodging-house without paying his bill and her bill. Defendants had detained the woman, and sued her for the amount. They failed to prove the wife's liability, and now she sought damages for the arrest. The defence was that the keeper of the establishment had only done what seemed reasonable in the eyes of a layman ignorant of legal technicalities.

Case adjourned until Tuesday next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

CHRISTMAS DAY AND HISTORY.

To the Editors of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

DEAR SIR,—In reply to "A Student of History," I have to inform the gentleman that Dr. Young, an American astronomer, has stated that the eclipse I wrote of in my last letter took place on the death of the Herod, and also other works read by the writer.

The writings of Josephus are not so reliable as the works of other authors of repute.

I recollect the writings of Josephus to a certain extent, because when a scholar in Chester Cathedral, I read his books which adorned my father's extensive library, and he insisted upon me studying ancient and modern history, and being gifted with a retentive memory I do not find it necessary to be continually poring over musty volumes.

It must be distinctly understood that I do not pretend to give the exact date of the nativity of Christ, but I wish to impress upon sceptics that his birth and manner of life is a certainty.

There are so many persons, both literary, and illiterate, who read a lot of trash derogatory to the verity of Scriptural events, that it becomes necessary to undeceive them, lest peradventure they go astray.

Such data, Sir Isaac Newton determines the period of Thales the philosopher, flourished, particularly from the famous eclipse which he predicted, and which happened just as the two armies under Antigone, King of Lydia, and Cyaxares the Mede, were engaged, B.C. 626.

Amongst other relations of this kind may be reckoned what is mentioned by Josephus in his Antiquities, who in speaking of the progress that had been made in Astronomy by Seth, and his posterity, before the Deluge, asserts that they engraved the principles of the science on two

